



It's A Wonderful Ride; Holiday Lights Bicycle Tour
Sunday, December 18
Departing from Lucky's Market at 5:30 P.M.*

We're looking forward to having you join us for a festive bicycle tour throughout downtown Columbia, Columbia College, and the Old Southwest neighborhood. Hot beverages and treats will be available (thank you Lucky's Market!) immediately after the ride.

All participants must preregister online at como.gov or by calling (573) 874-7460 or 874-7700. All preregistered riders will receive a treat for your bicycle. Plan to ride at a slow-pace on city streets for 7 miles. **All streets will remain open to traffic.** Cyclists should plan to ride for approximately 1 hour allowing plenty of time for photos at the more festive locations. Maps will also be available at the start of the ride. Please join our event [Facebook](#) page for up-to-date details.

GET YOUR HOLIDAY GEAR AND GO ALL OUT!

One prize each will be awarded for the following categories

- Best Costume
- Best Decorated Bicycle and/or Trailer

*Arrive between 5:15 p.m. and 5:25 p.m. if you plan to enter the best-dressed cyclist and best-decorated bicycle contest. Judging will occur at 5:30 p.m. Please make certain that costumes and decorations do not impair your sightline or the working mechanics of your bicycle.

Rules and Regulations:

- Wear a helmet. Not only is this for your safety, you will also be serving as a great role model for kids (by law, kids 15 and under are required to wear helmets within the city limits of Columbia).
- By law, your bike must be equipped with a front white headlight and red rear reflector when operated from "one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise" (Missouri Revised Statutes 307.185). GetAbout also recommends using a red blinking taillight.
- Make sure your bike is in good working condition, either by checking it yourself using the [ABC Quick Check](#) or at a local bike shop. Decorations should not impair your vision or the working mechanics of your bicycle.
- All participants must follow traffic laws at all times. This includes riding with traffic, stopping at all stop signs, signaling your intent and riding in a safe predictable manner.
- We want everyone to have a great time AND be safe! Be sure to review the League of American Bicyclists [ride safe tips](#) prior to the event.
- Don't forget to lock for your bicycle while you warm your fingers and toes inside Lucky's.

Q and A

What time should I arrive?

Please arrive early to check in and sign a ride waiver (waivers will be emailed to all preregistered participants). Arrive between 5 p.m. and 5:25 p.m. if you plan to enter the best-dressed rider and bicycle contests. Awards will be presented prior to departure. All preregistered participants will receive a gift bag with a treat for your bike.

I don't ride fast – is this for me?

This is definitely a ride, not a race. The average speed is less than 8 mph and the route will be 7 miles long. Route maps will be emailed to all registered participants (maps will also be available at the start of the ride). The route will include the Old Southwest neighborhood and City streets in the District and near Columbia College. Cyclists should feel free to return on our own if you start out and realize that you can't make the entire route. As a group, we will stop at all stop signs and obey all traffic laws. A ride leader will provide sweep to assist with any issues that may arise.

Is there a minimum age for the ride?

It depends on your child's abilities on a bike. If your child has never ridden on the street or five or more miles (on multi-use trails, for example), this is not the time to try it for the first time. If your child doesn't have good bike control skills, then he or she should be in a trailer or on a tag-a-long/trail-a-bike. Kids who have trouble controlling their bikes (i.e. swerving unexpectedly) can cause harm to themselves or others. Our route will include a couple of short hills on city streets –**streets will not be closed to traffic**.

We can't stress enough that your child needs to be able to pay attention to people around them, and follow a parent's instructions for safe, responsible riding.

Will the ride occur in the rain, snow or extreme cold?

We will cancel the ride if the forecast includes extremely cold weather or if streets are snow or ice covered. Weather-related information will be posted on the Columbia Parks and Recreation Hotline at [573\) 874-7663 ext. 4](tel:5738747663). Weather-related updates will also be posted on our event [Facebook](#) page. Preregistered participants will receive an email with updated information. The ride will not be rescheduled.

Other questions?

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